

## CONFEDERATE HOME—RELATING TO USE OF GAS BY.

## H. C. R. No. 21.] HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Authorizing the Board of Managers of the Confederate Home to permit the Austin Gas Company to extend its main to said Home, and to use the unused water main.

Whereas, the Confederate Home has always been without gas connections, and

Whereas the electric lights at said Home often go out, leaving the hospital and other buildings in total darkness; and

Whereas, the Austin Gas Company has agreed to extend its gas main to said Home, without cost to the State, provided it can get the use of the unused water main upon the grounds of said Home for that purpose; therefore be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:*

That the Board of Managers of the Confederate Home be and they are hereby authorized to permit the Austin Gas Company to extend its gas main to said Home, and to use the unused water main upon said grounds for gas or fuel, as the Board of Managers may deem necessary and proper.

[NOTE.—The foregoing H. C. R. was presented to the Governor of Texas for his approval on the 14th day of April, A. D. 1905, but was not signed by him nor returned to the house in which it originated with his objections thereto, within the time prescribed by the Constitution, and thereupon became a law without his signature.—O. K. SHANNON, Secretary of State.]

## TAXATION—SUBMITTING AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

## S. J. R. No. 4.] SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION.

Joint Resolution to amend Section 2 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to certain exemptions from taxation.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. That Section 2, of Article VIII, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be so amended that the same shall read as follows, to wit:

"All occupation taxes shall be equal and uniform upon the same class of subjects within the limits of the authority levying the tax; but the Legislature may, by general laws, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes; actual places of religious worship; places of burial not held for private or corporate profit; all buildings used exclusively and owned by persons or associations of persons for school purposes and the necessary furniture of all schools, also the endowment funds of such institutions of learning and religion not used with a view to profit and when the same are invested in bonds or mortgages, or in land or other property which has been and shall hereafter be brought in by such institutions under foreclosure sales made to satisfy or protect such bonds or mortgages; that such exemption of such land and property shall con-

tinue only for two years after the purchase of the same at such sale by such institutions and no longer) and institutions of purely public charity; and all laws exempting property from taxation other than the property above mentioned shall be null and void.

SECTION 2. The Governor of the State shall and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Texas at the next general election for State and county officers.

SECTION 3. The qualified electors for members of the Legislature of the State of Texas shall vote upon this amendment on the — day of —, at which election all persons favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot as follows: "For amendment to section 2, Article 8 of the Constitution exempting from taxation endowment funds used exclusively for school purposes." And those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot as follows: "Against amendment to Section 2, Article 8, of the Constitution exempting from taxation endowment funds used exclusively for school purposes."

SECTION 4. The sum of \$5000 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury of the State of Texas, not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication, proclamation, and election.

[NOTE.—The foregoing S. J. R. was presented to the Governor of Texas for his approval on the 15th day of April, A. D. 1905, but was not signed by him nor returned to the house in which it originated with his objections thereto, within the time prescribed by the Constitution, and thereupon became a law without his signature.—O. K. SHANNON, Secretary of State.]

#### JURY TAX—SUBMITTING AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION, PROVIDING FOR.

H. J. R. No. 2.] HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

Joint Resolution amending Section 9, of Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the levying of a tax of not exceeding fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, to pay jurors.

SECTION 1. *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:* That Section 9, of Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 9. The State tax on property, exclusive of the tax necessary to pay the public debt, and of the taxes provided for the benefit of the public free schools, shall never exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation; and no county, city or town shall levy more than twenty-five cents for city or county purposes, and not exceeding fifteen cents for road and bridges, and not exceeding fifteen cents to pay jurors, on the one hundred dollars valuation, except for the payment of debts incurred prior to the adoption of the amendment September 25th, 1883, and for the erection of public buildings, streets, sewers, water works and other permanent improvements, not to exceed twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, in any one year, and except as is in this Constitution otherwise provided; and the Legisla-